

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS  
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION**

**Minutes:** Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Rm.

**I. Roll** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.  
Commissioners/Alternates Present: Arefi, Arthur, Grilli, Mateo, Swiger  
Commissioners Absent: Chahal, Garcia, McCarter, Wan  
City Council Liaison Present: Bob Livengood  
MUSD Liaison Absent: Marsha Grilli

**II. Alternates** No alternate commissioners were present.

**III. Minutes** The April 27, 2006 minutes will be reviewed at the next commission meeting.

**IV. Agenda** **MOTION** to approve the May 17, 2006 agenda.

M/S: Swiger/Arefi                      Ayes: All

**V. Announcements/Correspondence**

None.

**VI. Citizen's Forum**

None attending.

**XII. Old Business**

**1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

Chair Grilli noted that a request was sent to Huizhou as to whether or not they desired to continue a sister city relationship with Milpitas - their response was very positive and they indicated they would like to continue the sister city relationship.

## **2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

The Welcome Ceremony will take place this Saturday morning, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at City Hall. The commission continues to work on logistics with volunteers and staff. The commissioners reviewed the itinerary for the week.

## **3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP**

**MILPITAS-TO-TSUKUBA CULTURAL EXCHANGE: June 19, 2006 – June 28, 2006**

Vice Chair Arthur noted that everyone should have received the itinerary and budget in their packets. She purchased a western oil painting with cowboys tending cows and will also have travel mugs with the Milpitas logo, along with other items. She noted information about the cost of sister cities international insurance. She will conduct an orientation on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **4. ITALIAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH**

Commissioner Arefi reported that he sent two e-mails to a city in Germany and in France with the standard letter approved by the commission - he has not heard anything back yet. Also, he left a message for Mrs. Serpa with the Sister County Commission.

## **5. 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY PARADE**

Vice Chair Arthur noted concern about the June 6<sup>th</sup> due date for the application. Also, other commissioners will be out of town. The commission noted that they might not be able to participate this year. Staff will send an e-mail reminder to all commissioners, but most likely they will not participate this year.

## **XIII. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

No report.

## **IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
  - a. Tsukuba City, Japan
  - b. Dagupan City, Philippines
  - c. Huizhou City, China
2. European Sister City Research
3. 2006 Work Plan Update, as needed

**X. Adjournment**

No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 22, 2006.

**MOTION** to adjourn.

M/S: Mateo/Arefi                      Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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